MY HEART WILL GO ON The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 9, 2023

On April 14, 1912 – at 11: 40 PM ship time - the British passenger liner, the RMS Titanic, hit an iceberg. Over the next two and a half hours the ship filled with water until just before 2: 20 AM ship time on April 15, 1912, when the ship broke up and sank with over fifteen hundred people still on board.

The song, "My Heart Will Go On," is the main theme song of the 1997 blockbuster movie, "Titanic," which is a fictionalized account of the sinking of that great ship.

The fact that that song became Celine Dion's greatest hit, one of the best-selling singles of all time, and the world's best-selling single for the year 1998, I believe shows a deep longing in the human heart.

I can imagine the disciples – after the resurrection of Jesus – gathering together many times and sharing thoughts and feelings very similar to the ones that are expressed in Celine Dion's song.

Because of Easter, your heart can and will go on –

1. BECAUSE YOUR PAST CAN BE FORGIVEN

Colossians 2: 14 – "He erased the record that stood against us with its legal demands; He set this aside, nailing it to the cross."

Acts 10: 43 – "Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

Romans 8: 1 – "There is therefore now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Jesus."

John 3: 17 – "I did not come to condemn the world; rather I came to save the world."

2. BECAUSE YOUR PRESENT CAN BE MANAGEABLE

Ephesians 1: 19-20 – "How incredibly great is His power to help those who believe in Him. It is the same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead."

Matthew 28: 5 and 10 – "Do not be afraid."

Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John – three of the first witnesses to the resurrection – before meeting Jesus were living lives that were unmanageable and out of control.

Philippians 4: 13 – "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

3. BECAUSE YOUR FUTURE CAN BE SECURE